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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 7 January 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:** No amendments to the Specification are presented hereby.

**In the Claims:** Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**In the Drawings:** No amendments to the drawings are presented hereby.

**Remarks and Arguments:** Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Appendix:** No Appendix is presented herewith.